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SUBJECT: AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

1. POST WISHES TO BRING AGENCY AND CU/ARTS UP-TO-DATE ON STATUS OF MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANS. AS OF THIS DATE IT APPEARS THAT CHARLIE MINGUS WILL BE COMING NOVEMBER 9 AND 10 ALTHOUGH ARIA REPRESENTATIVES SAID AT AUGUST 7 MEETING THAT IT WILL BE 10 DAYS BEFORE THEY HAVE FIRM RESPONSE ON WEIN'S REQUESTED FEE. DUE TO RECENT HEAVY FLOOD DAMAGE MANY GOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE LIKELY TO SEE REDUCTIONS IN BUDGETS, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING FOREIGN CURRENCY. WE HOPE THEREFORE THAT WEIN IS FLEXIBLE AND WILLING TO NEGOTIATE.

2. COMPOSERS STRING QUARTET IS SET FOR CONCERTS MUSIC FESTIVAL IN CLUJ. ARIA REPRESENTATIVES NEGREANU AND FLORIA REPORTED MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF QUARTET IN N.Y. AND SOME CONFUSION STILL EXISTS ON EXACT DEPARTURE DATE. IF QUARTET MUST DEPART FOR LONDON ON NOVEMBER 16 THEN CLUJ CONCERT WILL BE 14 THE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL ON 15TH. IF LATER DEPARTURE IS POSSIBLE THEN FESTIVAL CONCERT WOULD BE 14TH AND CLUJ CONCERT FIRST FREE DATE THEREAFTER (SATURDAY THE 15TH IS ALREADY BOOKED IN CLUJ). POST AGREEABLE TO FIRST SOLUTION BUT ONLY WISHES TO CONFIRM EXACT QUARTET DATES SO THAT PROGRAM AND PRINTING ARRANGMENTS CAN COMMENCE.

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3. MILTON KAYE WILL PERFORM ON NOVEMBER 13- ALL-RAGTIME

PROGRAM.

4. CHOREOGRAPHER LARRY FULLER AND TWO OR THREE OTHER PERFORMERS WILL PERFORM NOVEMBER 12 THEATRE/MOVIE MUSIC PROGRAM. THIS TO BE ARRANGED BY RPO VIENNA.

5. ONLY GAP CONCERNS FOLK MUSIC OR COUNTRY MUSIC PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 11 OR NOVEMBER 14. RPO VIENNA IS CHECKING AVAILABILITY OF COUNTRY SINGER GEORGE HAMILTON WHO MAY BE TOURING SOVIET UNION IN NOVEMBER. IF HAMILTON NOT AVAILABLE (AND WE EXPECT ANSWER WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS) POST WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CROFUT/COOPER OR HICKORY WIND. IN EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE POST COMMENTED THAT ON BASIS OF ONLY RECORD RECEIVED GROUP WAS VERY GOOD INSTRUMENTALLY BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE CERTAIN LACK OF VERVE AND VARIETY IN SINGING. THIS WAS RESERVATION REFERRED TO IN EARLIER CABLE. PERHAPS QUESTION OF SONG SELECTION COULD RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM. IN EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE CU/ARTS AND AGENCY OFFERED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FOLK MUSIC/ COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST OR GROUP. POST WILL KEEP AGENCY AND CU/ARTS APPRISED OF PROGRESS ON THIS PROGRAM AND WILL ADVISE SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE NEEDED.

6 POST DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS MADE ON AMF PERFORMERS. BARNES

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